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WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

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February 12, 2016

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Mr. Ed Collins
[REDACTED]

United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Collins:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 20, 2015. Your request was received in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations on the same day, and was assigned FOIA tracking number **DON-NAVY-2016-000417**.

We have determined that the Department of the Navy is not the cognizant office for the records you are requesting. The Department of State (DOS) is the primary executive agency for all matters of international engagement; within the Department of Defense (DoD), the central offices for coordination with foreign governments are the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). If records responsive to your request exist, they would most likely be maintained by one of the above offices. We recommend you submit a FOIA request to DOS online at <https://foia.state.gov/Request/Submit.aspx>, or mail to Office of Information Programs and Services, A/GIS/IPS/RL, U. S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100; to DSCA online at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx>, or mail to OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center, Office of Freedom of Information, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155 ; and/or to DCMA at DCMA.FOIA@dcma.mil, or mail to DCMA FOIA Office (HQ-DSP), 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA 23801.

The Navy International Program Office (IPO) conducted a search of their files, and were unable to locate responsive records at this command level. Navy IPO advised that they did not enter into, or conduct negotiations pertaining to, any international agreements, licenses, or MOUs with Saudi Arabia on

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behalf of the Department of the Navy (DON), DoD, or the United States Government (USG) during the specified period.

With regard to item 1 of your request, Navy IPO located no responsive records, because no such activity occurred at the DON level within the specified period, and therefore no such records would exist.

With regard to item 2 of your request, Navy IPO located no responsive records, because no such activity occurred at the DON level within the specified period, and Navy IPO does not maintain records of the activities of other DON, DoD, or USG entities.

With regard to item 3 of your request, Navy policy is publicly available at <http://doni.daps.dla.mil/>. Similarly, DoD policy is publicly available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/>.

With regard to item 4 of your request, the FOIA is a records disclosure statute; you are requesting information rather than records. Navy IPO was unable to locate any records that would suitably answer this question.

With regard to item 5 of your request, Navy IPO advised that they did not enter into, or conduct negotiations pertaining to, any international agreements, licenses, or MOUs with Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Department of the Navy (DON), DoD, or the United States Government (USG) during the specified period.

Because no responsive records were located for four of the five items requested, under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you may appeal the adequacy of search by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be received within sixty calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your

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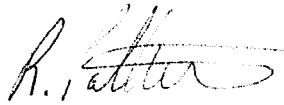
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appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the initial processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Patterson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

R. Patterson

Head, DON FOIA/PA Program Office